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I.  
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No. 15 on the 4th December 1924.]

1. Starred questions to be put at a meeting of the Council with their answers shall be printed and placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

The Secretary shall call out the name of each interpellator in the order in which the names are printed, specify the serial number of his question and make a sufficient pause to give him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place and putting a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.

2. If a member responsible for a starred question happens to be absent when it is called, it will be open either to him or to any other member to put supplemental questions thereon after the other starred questions for the day have been answered, provided question-time is not thereby exceeded.

3. Questions, not starred, will not be called in Council, but they will be printed with their answers and placed on the table of the House along with the list of starred questions. Oral supplementary questions will not be allowed in regard to unstarred questions.]

**STARRED QUESTIONS.****Assignment of Lands.**

*Grants for cultivating land set apart for Adi-Dravidas.*

\* 2415 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: With reference to question No. 2149 answered at the meeting, dated 16th July 1926, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government propose to give special grants for cultivating the 322.40 acres of land said to be set apart by the Collector for assignment to Adi-Dravidas?

A.—No such proposal is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"Sir, will the Government be pleased to consider any proposal to grant in addition to darkhast lands some grants of money? For, merely giving lands does not improve the lot of the depressed classes at all."

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"As to the general question, I am not sure that loans are not given; the matter will be examined."

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"May I know, Sir, whether Government intend to give free grants, or loans repayable within a certain period?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"Much more likely to be the latter. Anyhow, the matter will be examined."

**Forests.**

*Forest building at Adoni.*

\* 2416 Q.—Mr. A. KANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: With reference to the answers furnished to question No. 9, dated 18th August 1924, and question No. 415, dated 21st August 1924, at the respective meetings of the Legislative Council, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) how the two statements made, viz., (1) that the building in question was let temporarily to the Mission on a monthly rental of Rs. 10 and (2) that the building was rented temporarily for hospital purposes, can be reconciled with each other;

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(b) whether in any case the period for which the building was at first temporarily let has expired and, if so, when; and

(c) the steps taken to give the building for use by the Government or quasi-public departments that may be in need of it?

A.—(a) The Conservator of Forests permitted the Pastor of the Telugu Village Mission, Adoni, to occupy the building temporarily for hospital purposes.

(b) No. A month's notice to vacate the buildings has been given.

(c) The question of its future occupation is under the consideration of the Chief Conservator of Forests.

*Enforcement of Forest Panchayat Rules in South Kanara.*

\* 2417 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : With reference to the answer given to the question sent by Mr. Raghuchandra Ballal at the last meeting as to the Forest Panchayat rules enforced in South Kanara, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the concession granted to the cultivators of South Kanara to take green and dry leaves from reserved forests free of payment is subject to the restrictions and conditions mentioned in those rules as to the lopping of unclassified trees of green leaves and removal of green and dry leaves from reserved forests;

(b) whether the concession in question is confined to the cultivators of lands contiguous to the reserved forests or may be extended to cultivators of neighbouring lands who have no reserved or other forests close by for manure purposes; and

(c) what orders Government or the Forest authorities have issued for allowing cultivators to take green and dry leaves free of payment from reserved forests and subject to what restrictions and conditions, if any?

A.—(a) & (c) The following concessions are allowed as an experiment to ryots by the Chief Conservator :—

*North Mangalore.*

(1) Free removal of green leaves of unclassified species and dry leaves of all species from all reserves;

(2) Clearing of undergrowth of all unclassified species not above 6 feet in height in all reserved (except those near the Coast) to a distance of half a mile from the limits of their private holdings and to a distance of 200 yards in the case of reserves near the Coast; and

(3) Free removal of dead fuel from all reserves without any restriction.

*South Mangalore.*

(1) Clearing of undergrowth, i.e., of unclassified species in all reserves (with the exception of three reserves worked for fuel).

(2) In the case of the three excepted reserves, clearing of undergrowth is allowed only to a distance of 200 yards from the limits of private holdings.